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SUBJ: POST ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS: KBL TAKES COMMANDING LEAD IN  
MANILA; MARCOS CHARGES FOUR LABAN CANDIDATES WITH COMMUNIST  
CONNECTIONS; TANADA ORDERED RELEASED.

1. OFFICIAL TABULATIONS RELEASED EVENING APRIL 14 SHOW KBL  
TAKING A COMMANDING LEAD IN METRO MANILA. WITH 49 PERCENT OF  
PRECINCTS COUNTED, KBL CONTINUES TO SWEEP ALL 21 METRO  
SEATS. MRS. MARCOS IS THE LEADING CANDIDATE WITH 914,000  
VOTES, 10,000 VOTES AHEAD OF RUNNER-UP ROMULO. AQUINO, WITH  
608,000 VOTES, REMAINS IN 22ND PLACE, BUT IS NOW 144,000  
VOTES BEHIND THE LAST-PLACE KBL CANDIDATE. LABAN CANDIDATE  
CABIGAO, WHO IS CURRENTLY PLACING 34TH IN THE VOTING, HAS  
PUBLICLY CONCEDED DEFEAT AND HAS URGED HIS LABAN COLLEAGUES  
TO DO LIKEWISE "FOR THE SAKE OF HEALING THE DIVISIONS THAT  
THE CAMPAIGN HAS INFLICTED ON OUR PEOPLE."

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS IN A MALACANANG INTERVIEW  
APRIL 14 PRESIDENT MARCOS CHARGED FOUR LABAN CANDIDATES  
(BARICA, BONCAYAO, HERRERA AND PLANAS) WITH HAVING DIRECT  
CONNECTIONS WITH SUBVERSIVES AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY  
OF THE PHILIPPINES. ALL FOUR ARE REPORTED IN HIDING.  
THE PRESIDENT COMMENTED: "I'M AFRAID THE LABAN IS  
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NOW UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SUBVERSIVES."

3. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT MARCOS HAS ORDERED  
RELEASE OF LABAN CAMPAIGN MANAGER TANADA BECAUSE OF  
OLD AGE AND A HEART CONDITION. IN ADDITION MARCOS  
ORDERED THAT CHARGES OF ILLEGAL ASSEMBLY FILED  
AGAINST TANADA BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE MILITARY

TRIBUNAL TO A CIVILIAN COURT.

4. ROMULO HAS WEIGHED IN WITH HIS APPRAISAL OF THE ELECTIONS. IN A STATEMENT APRIL 14 THE FOREIGN SECRETARY CHARACTERIZED THEM AS "THE FREEST AND THE CLEANEST WE HAVE HAD IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY" AND AN AFFIRMATION OF TRUST IN THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT MARCOS.

5. AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE PROJECTED LABAN "NOISE BARRAGE" (MANILA 5956) DID NOT MATERIALIZE FRIDAY EVENING (14TH). WE SHALL SEE WHAT HAPPENS TONIGHT.  
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